Courthouse History

The original building for the District Court in the Eastern District of Louisiana was built in 1914 and now houses the 5th Circuit Court of Appeal. The building has a masonry exterior decorated with eclectic ornamentation, following the Italian Renaissance style. The most noteworthy features are four twenty-five-foot group statues that adorn the corners of the building's roof. These copper sculptures, designed by Daniel Chester French, depict female figures from the arts, history, commerce, and industry.

The building housed the post office and the federal appellate and district courts for forty-eight years. In 1962, the government remodeled the building for the exclusive use of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. More recently, Congress renamed the building the John Minor Wisdom U.S. Courthouse.



(First Courthouse EDLA)

United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana

OPEN DOORS TO FEDERAL COURTS



The Court's Role
in
Balancing Liberty and Safety

Wednesday, November 10, 2004 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

United States Judges Eastern District of Louisiana

District Judges

District Juages		
1.	Ginger Berrigan-Chief Judge	1994 chief 2001
2.	Jay Zainey	2002
3.	Ivan L.R. Lemelle	1998
4.	A.J. McNamara	1982
5.	Marcel Livaudais, Jr.	1982
6.	Martin L.C. Feldman	1984
7.	Adrian G. Duplantier	1978
8.	Lance M. Africk	2002
10.	Carl J. Barbier	1998
11.	Stanwood R. Duval, Jr.	1994
12.	Eldon E. Fallon	1995
13.	Peter Beer	1979
14.	Kurt Engelhardt	2001
15.	Sarah S. Vance	1994
16.	Mary Ann Vial Lemmon	1996
17	G. Thomas Porteous	1994

Magistrate Judges

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1	Sally Shushan	1998
2.	Joseph C. Wilkinson, Jr.	1995
3	Daniel Knowles, III	2002
4.	Karen Wells Roby	1998
5	Alma L. Chasez	1984
6	Louis Moore, Jr.	1985



8:45 a.m. Registration and Assembly - Jury Room

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Federal Court Ceremonial Courtroom C501 Chief Judge Ginger Berrigan

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Mock Motion to Suppress

Ceremonial Courtroom C501

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Mock Appellate Argument (Student Groups)
Case: Michigan Dept. of Police v. Sitz

Courtrooms

Judge Lemelle (C552), Judge Engelhardt, (C351), Judge Barbier, (C268), Judge Duval, (C352) and Judge Roby (B 431)

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

Basement and Jury Room

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Criminal Sentencing

Judge Ivan Lemelle, (C552)

1:45-:00p.m.

How Well Do You Know the Fourth Amendment?

2:00-2:15 pm

Essay Contest Awards & Departure

Ceremonial Courtroom C501